

Stella Ursua

Board Member

On any given day, Stella Ursua, Board President/Chair at The LGBTQ Center Long Beach and Programs & Partnerships Manager at GRID Alternatives-Greater Los Angeles can be found in equity-challenged and/or environmentally disadvantaged communities, working to build more awareness for social issues such as LGBTQ rights issues, environmental health, green neighborhoods and careers and ensuring that all community members have access to the programs, services, education, knowledge and skills that will help them thrive in these challenging times.

Stella's career includes leadership roles in Leadership & Employee Development, Human Resources and Workforce Development roles and leading national training and education functions for several Fortune 500 and non-profit organizations. She has designed and launched innovative outreach efforts, including founding Southern California's largest yearly Earth Day event, the Green Prize Festival, which recognizes local sustainability leaders, industry experts, green entrepreneurs and artists, and promotes the transformation of communities to more sustainable, healthier and equitable environments.

In both of her roles, Stella has conducted hundred of events and workshops, geared towards educating underserved communities, especially for LGBTQ individuals, young adults, veterans, women and unemployed/underemployed individuals in skills-based career opportunities that will lead to good paying jobs and long-term careers. In prior assignments, Stella created/launched the first green jobs training program for a national veterans organization and was successful in providing recently returned Iraq & Afghanistan veterans with access to green industry skills and knowledge with which to enter the solar energy, energy efficiency and green building industries.

Stella received her B.S. in Organizational Management at the University of La Verne, and completed her LEED Green Associate Accreditation and Green Classroom Professional with the U.S. Green Building Council.

Stella is extremely active in her community, currently serving as the Board Chair/President for The LGBTQ Center Long Beach, a recent Commissioner for Long Beach Parks & Recreation, a member of the San Pedro Bay Ports Sustainable Supply Chain Advisory Committee and the Long Beach Community Choice Energy Workgroup.